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SUBJ: CIVAIR: CONCORDE

1. LE MONDE ISSUE DATED SEPT. 18 (PUBLISHED SEPT. 17) CARRIES FIRST IN SERIES OF ARTICLES ON "CONCORDE IN US", UNDER US DATELINE AND WRITTEN BY JACQUES DE BARRIN. FIRST ARTICLE, CAPTIONED "THE SOUND AND THE FURY", OUTLINES CURRENT CONTROVERSY OVER LANDING RIGHTS, REFERS TO IMMINENT PUBLICATION OF EIS, AND DISCUSSES NOISE PROBLEM. ARTICLE CONTAINS FOLLOWING PASSAGE: "IT IS UNTHINKABLE THAT CONCORDE WOULD FOR VERY LONG BE REFUSED ACCESS TO AMERICAN TERRITORY. SUCH A MEASURE WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO JUNKING THE SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT. THE US GOVERNMENT, FOR MAINLY POLITICAL REASONS, CANNOT INFLICT SUCH A HUMILIATION ON TWO OF ITS CLOSEST ALLIES. IN THIS RESPECT IT IS ALLEGED THAT IN 1972 PRESIDENT NIXON ASSURED THE EUROPEAN LEADERS CONCERNED (LE PRESIDENT NIXON AURAIT, DES 1972, ASSURE PAR ECRIT...) THAT CONCORDE WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO LAND IN THE UNITED STATES. THE WHITE HOUSE

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REFUSES TO COMMENT ON THIS REPORT BY VIRTUE OF THE

'CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN HEADS
OF STATE'."

2. COMMENT: ABOVE PASSAGE COULD REVIVE US
DOMESTIC CONTROVERSY OVER NIXON-POMPIDOU/HEATH
CORRESPONDENCE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED QUERY,
WHICH WE FENDED OFF, FROM PARIS-BASED US JOURNALIST
WHO HAD ZEROED IN ON ABOVE PASSAGE IN DE BARRIN
ARTICLE.
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